

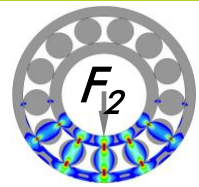


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# Pro/ENGINEER® Mechanics Wildfire® 4.0 Concept & Contents Workshop Fundamentals I+II Example Cards | Agenda Advanced Workshops

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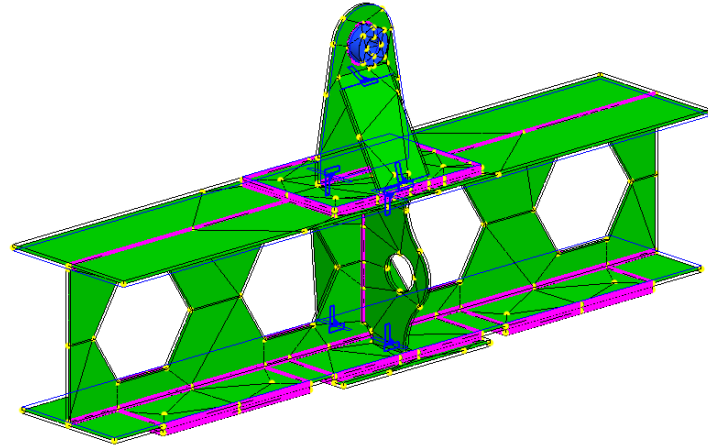
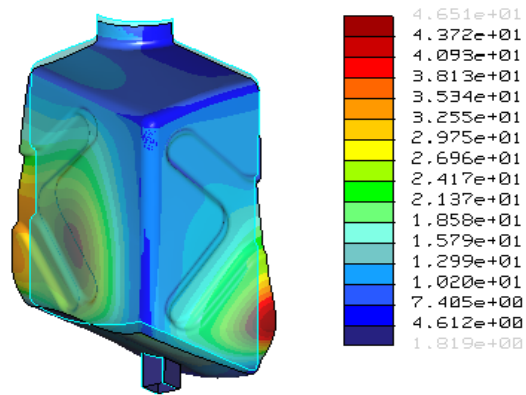
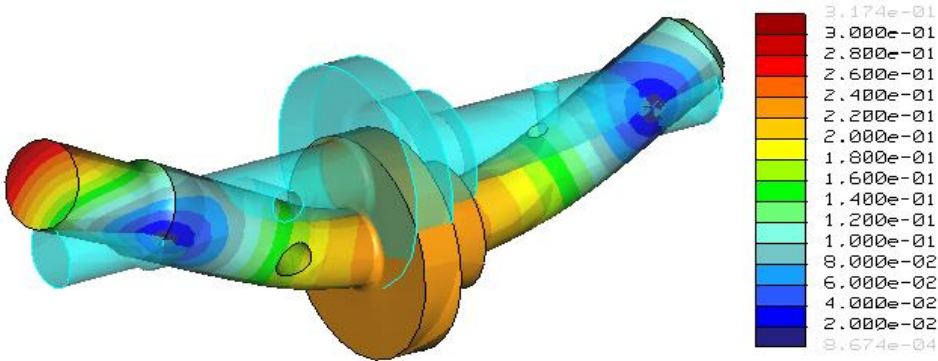
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This document shall make you familiar with the idea and contents of the Fundamentals I+II workshop for Mechanica Wildfire 4. In addition, some card examples from the booklets are shown which are provided in the workshop. Finally, the advanced Mechanica workshops are listed which can be delivered by PTC CER Simulation Services & Consulting.

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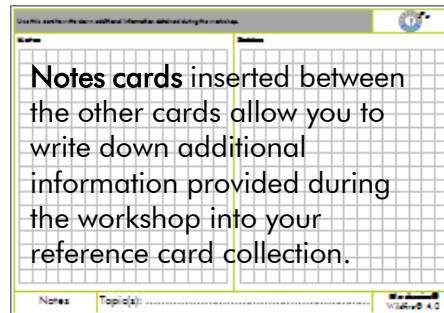


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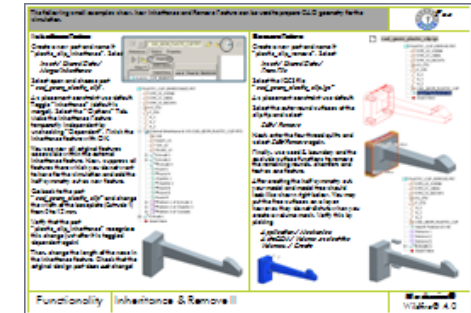
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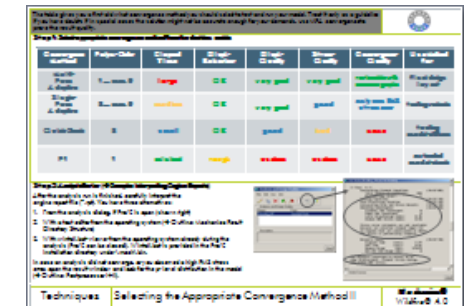
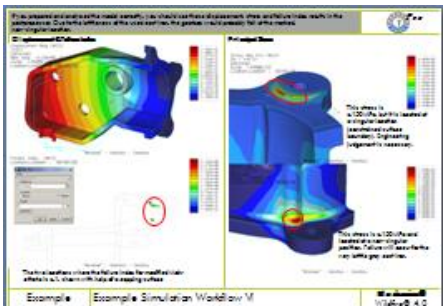
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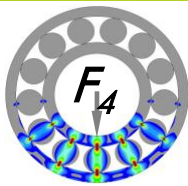


**Notes cards** inserted between the other cards allow you to write down additional information provided during the workshop into your reference card collection.



- Contain recommended techniques or typical process guidelines to solve certain tasks
- May, but must not show a small exercise to apply the procedure
- Are a reference if you want to apply these techniques later

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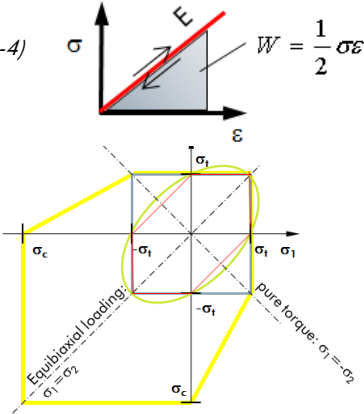


# Day 1

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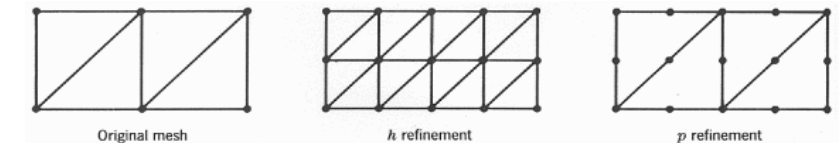


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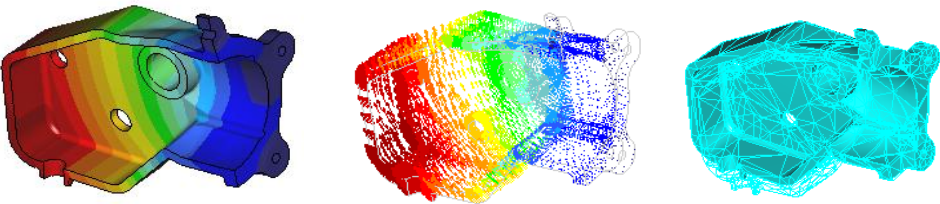


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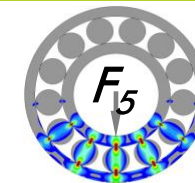
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The “Mechanics Fundamentals I” Workshop gives you in three days an overview about the basics of Mechanics p-Finite Element Analysis. During the first day, you will refresh theoretic fundamentals; learn techniques to prepare your model for the analysis, learn to select the best suitable convergence method for your actual problem, how to interpret engine reports and how to evaluate results for assuring the result quality.





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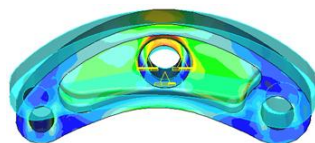
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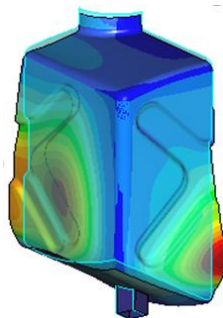
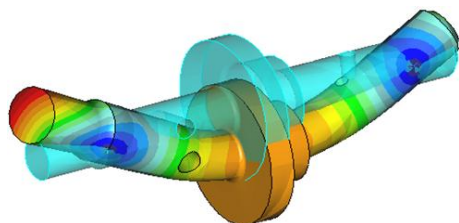
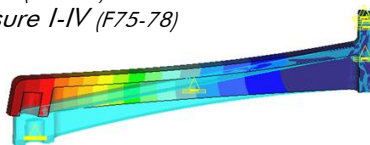
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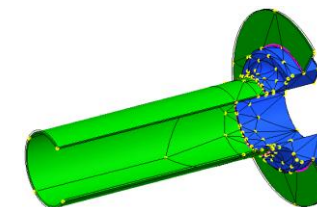


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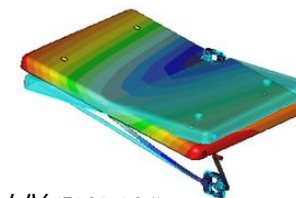
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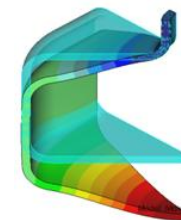
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### 3. Measures

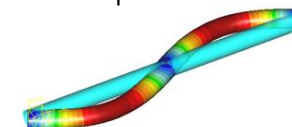
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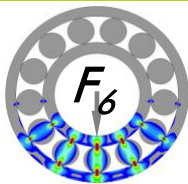


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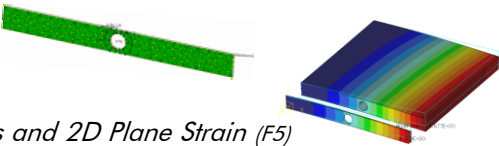
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Day 2 will provide you with the most important methods to define loads and constraints, and to define Interfaces for assembly analysis. After day 3, you will be able to mesh your structure with advanced controls, be familiar with the different static strength, stability and modal analyses and know how to use measures. At the end of the Fundamentals I workshop, you will apply your knowledge to iteratively optimize a lever design for minimizing its mass.

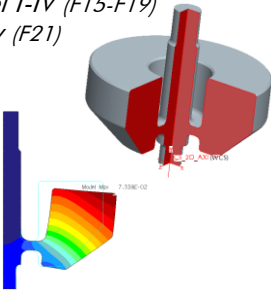


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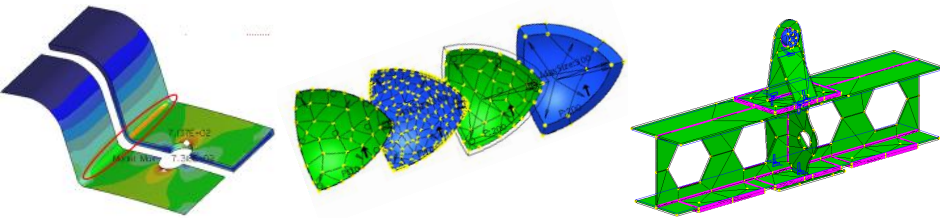
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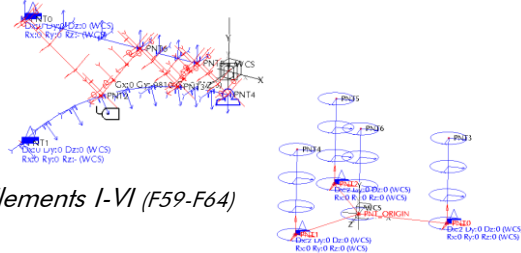


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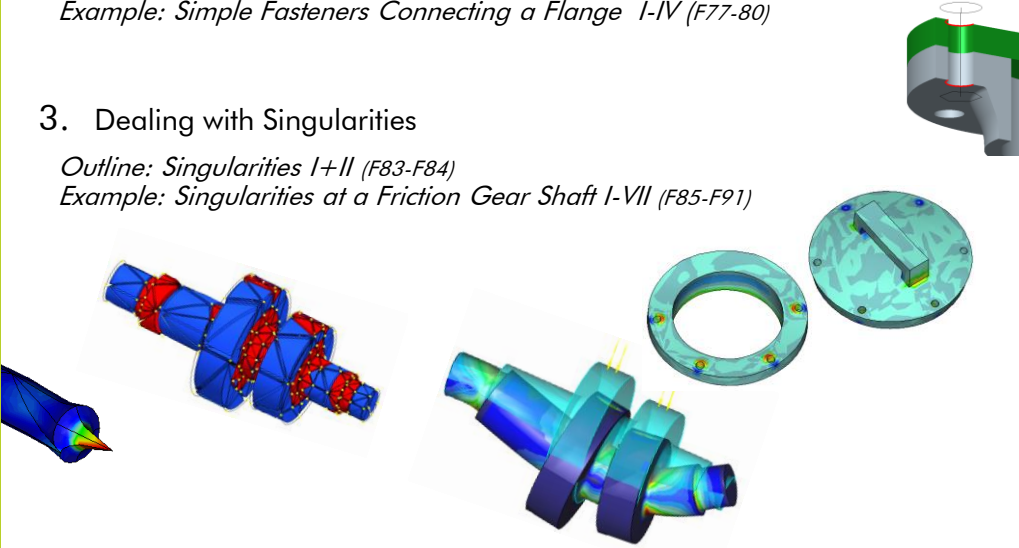


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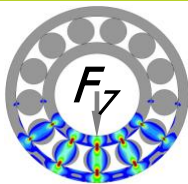


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Day 1 of the Fundamentals II workshop will deepen your simulation knowledge in more advanced simulation methods, like 2D model types, different idealizations like shells or beams, and predefined assembly connections provided in Mechanica. You will also learn how to mask singularities.



# Day 2

## 1. Sensitivity and Optimization

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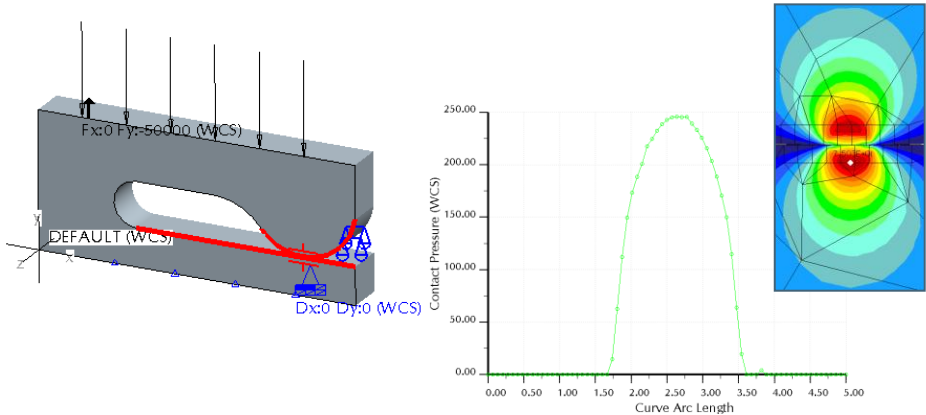
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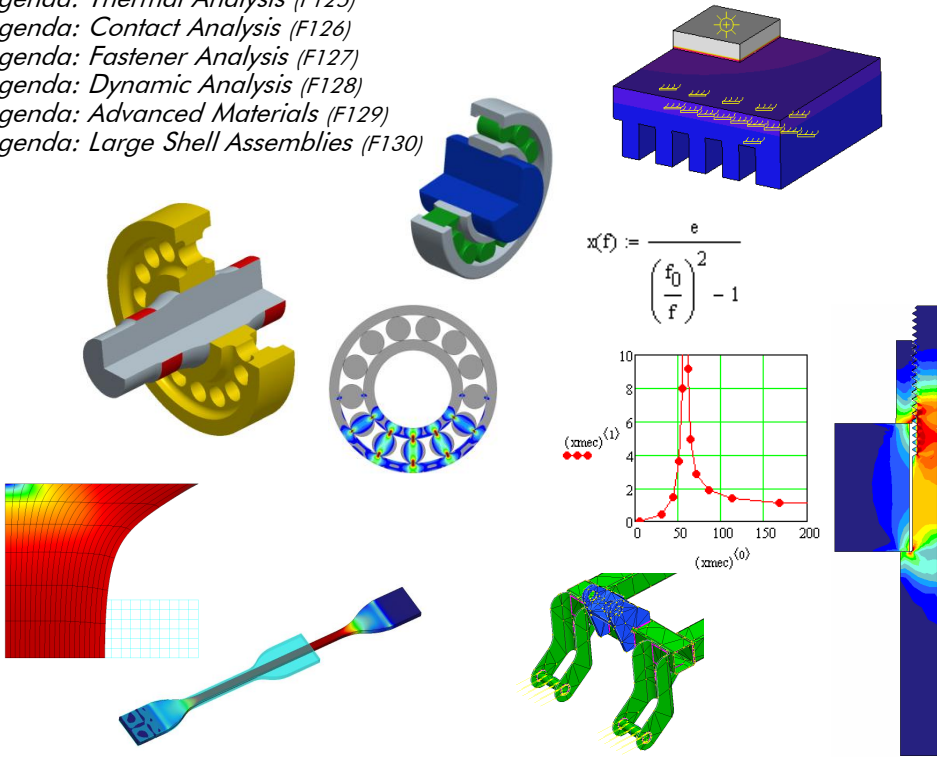
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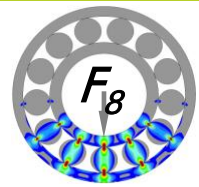


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- Agenda: Contact Analysis (F126)
- Agenda: Fastener Analysis (F127)
- Agenda: Dynamic Analysis (F128)
- Agenda: Advanced Materials (F129)
- Agenda: Large Shell Assemblies (F130)



Finally, on day 2 we will treat the Mechanical optimizer, basics in nonlinear contact analysis, and give you aid for debugging your model.



Pro/ENGINEER Mechanical is a structural and thermal analysis code working exclusively with the p-Finite-Element-Method. This assures that the numerical quality of the results delivered can be exactly controlled by the user. It is integrated completely under the Pro/ENGINEER user interface ("Integrated Mode"), even though it can work with an own, classical UI: "Independent" or "Standalone Mode", which requires a special license. In "FEM Mode", NASTRAN and ANSYS h-meshes can be prepared for analysis by those FEA solvers and their results postprocessed.

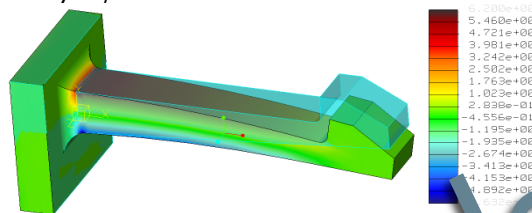
### Analysis types supported by Mechanica Structure:

#### a) Static:

- Linear static analysis (SDA-small displacement analysis)
- Linear static analysis with prestress (based on SDA)
- Static large displacement analysis (LDA)  
(=external loads are iteratively applied at the deformed structure)
- Static contact analysis (based on SDA)
- Linear Buckling Analysis (stability analysis)

#### b) Dynamic:

- Modal analysis
- Modal analysis with prestress
- Dynamic frequency analysis
- Dynamic time analysis
- Random response analysis
- Dynamic shock analysis ("earthquake" analysis)



### Analysis types supported by Mechanica Thermal:

- Steady state thermal analysis
- Transient thermal analysis

#### Remarks:

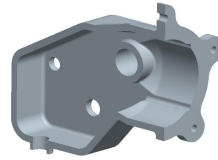
Mechanica Thermal allows to analyze temperature fields and heat flows within the mechanical structure for given thermal boundary conditions and heat loads. It is no CFD tool which estimates these conditions automatically!

Temperature fields analyzed by Mechanica Thermal can be read into Mechanica Structure to calculate thermal displacements and stresses.

Additional **Design Studies** allow to study the influence of design variables to the model and optimize it to certain goals.

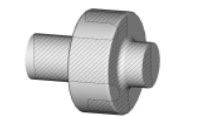
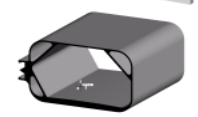
### Model types supported:

- 3D volumes (element types: tetrahedrons, wedges, bricks)
- 2D plane stress (element types: triangles, quadrilaterals)
- 2D plane strain (element types: tris, quads, 2D shells)
- 2D axial symmetric (element types: tris, quads, 2D shells)



### Idealized element types supported:

- p-shells (element types: tri, quad)
- p-beams
- Rigid links
- Weighted links
- Discrete masses
- Discrete springs



### Predefined assembly connections supported:

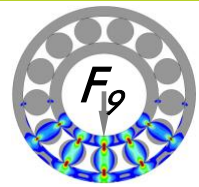
- Features to connect shell midsurfaces in assemblies:  
*Welds (manually defined shell elements)*  
*Bonding elements (automatically created orthotropic shells/volumes)*  
*Assembly links (automatically created multi point constraints - MPCs)*
- Spot welds ("beam fasteners")
- Fasteners (idealized bolts)

### Materials supported:

- Linear elastic:
  - a) *Isotropic (direction independent properties)*
  - b) *Orthotropic (direction dependent properties)*
  - c) *Composites (for shells only)*
- Hyperelastic (for example elastomer, rubber)
- Plasticity is supported in Wildfire 5.0

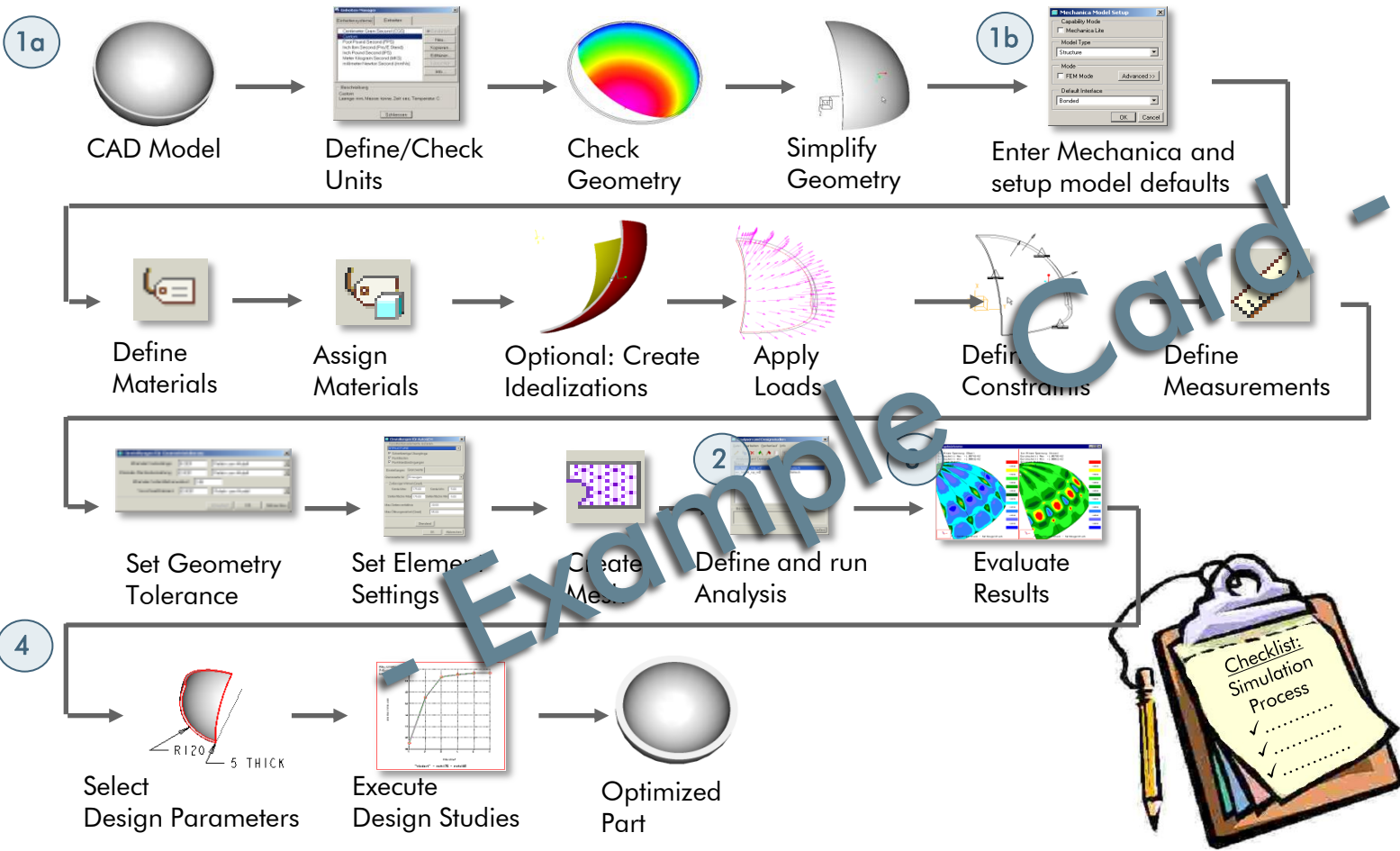
Because of the integration in the Pro/ENGINEER CAD software, during preprocessing Mechanica works directly on the CAD geometry. This makes Mechanica very powerful when changes or iterative design optimizations are performed, since the simulation features are associatively linked to the CAD geometry. Just before the meshing starts the CAD geometry is translated into the simulation geometry on which the Finite Element analysis is based. Results can be evaluated with an own post processor providing extensive functionality. Both simple parts up to huge and complex assemblies can be analyzed with Mechanica!





A simulation with Mechanica Structure always follows a typical process scheme in three steps with an optional fourth:

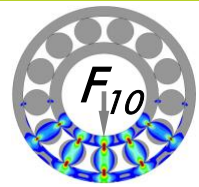
- 1. Preprocessing:** Geometry is prepared (in Pro/ENGINEER, 1a) and the analysis model is defined (in Mechanica, 1b).
- 2. Analysis:** The analysis is defined and the matrix equation system is solved by the Mechanica msengine.
- 3. Postprocessing:** Results evaluation.
- (4.) Optional:** Defined parameters can be modified by using design studies to optimize the model to certain goals.



- 1. Preprocessing:**
  - Geometry preparation*  
Geometry is simplified with Pro/ENGINEER to optimize mesh quality and minimize model size and calculation time.
  - Model preparation:*  
Define material in the consistent units system and assign it. Optional: Create shells, beams, springs or other idealized elements. Define loads and constraints. Define Measurements. Define tolerances for geometry translation. Define and create mesh (optional part of the analysis).
- 2. Analysis:**  
Define type of analysis and settings, execute the analysis.
- 3. Postprocessing:**  
Evaluate analysis results. Carefully execute a validity check and document the results.
- (4.) Optional: Optimization**  
Vary the parameters to study the model sensitivity with respect to these parameters. Optimize the model.

Content of a typical simulation documentation:

Task, function of product, objective of the simulation, geometry simplification, used idealizations, description of the simulation model, material, loads, constraints, mesh type, calculation settings, result diagrams, plots of deformation and stress, status- and report files, conclusions, error estimation, used software release, summary.



This part shows a special gearbox housing made of gray cast iron. The reaction forces of the shafts are known from a separate gear analysis, from this analysis we conclude that the housing can be analyzed half-symmetric. We are now interested in if the brittle cast housing can withstand these bearing reaction loads.

1. Open the part "gearbox\_housing". Check the units system.
2. Examine the CAD geometry and search for features to be suppressed for the simulation.
3. Identify and suppress these features.
4. Cut half of the housing away for symmetry reasons.

GEARBOX\_HOUSING.PRT

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The gearbox housing

GEARBOX\_HOUSING.PRT

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- Exercise Purpose:**
- Get known with the typical workflow necessary for a simple linear static analysis in Mechanics
  - Get known with the Mechanics UI
- Prerequisites:**
- Outline: The Typical Simulation Process
  - Outline: The Mechanics User Interface
- Context Information:**
- Functionality: Diagnostic Tool
  - Techniques: Preparing CAD Geometry for the Analysis
  - Outline: Units

This example shows a simple, but complete simulation process for a single part under quasi-static load. Keep in mind the simulation process as guideline (→Outline: The Typical Simulation Process).

Step 5:

Enter Mechanica:

*Application / Mechanica*

Check the Model Setup settings.

Define Material:

*Properties / Materials... / File / New*

Enter the material data shown.

Material Definition

Name

GREY\_CAST\_IRON

Description

Density

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Structural

Thermal

Miscellaneous

Appearance

User Defined

Material Type

Isotropic

Properties

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Linear

Poisson's Ratio

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Young's Modulus

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Failure Criterion

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Tensile Ultimate Stress

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Compressive Ultimate Stress

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Fatigue

None

Ok

Cancel

Mechanica Model Setup

Capability Mode

☐ Mechanica Lite

Model Type

Structure

Mode

☐ FEM Mode

Advanced >>

Default Interface

Bonded

OK

Cancel

Assign the Material to the part:

*Properties / Material Assignment...*

Step 6:

Apply the loads. All three loads are bearing loads:

*Insert / Bearing Load...*



Bearing Load

Name

Load1

Member of Set

LoadSet1

New...

References

Surfaces

Surface

Surface

Properties

CSYS : ☒ World ☐ Selected

WCS

Force

Components

X

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Y

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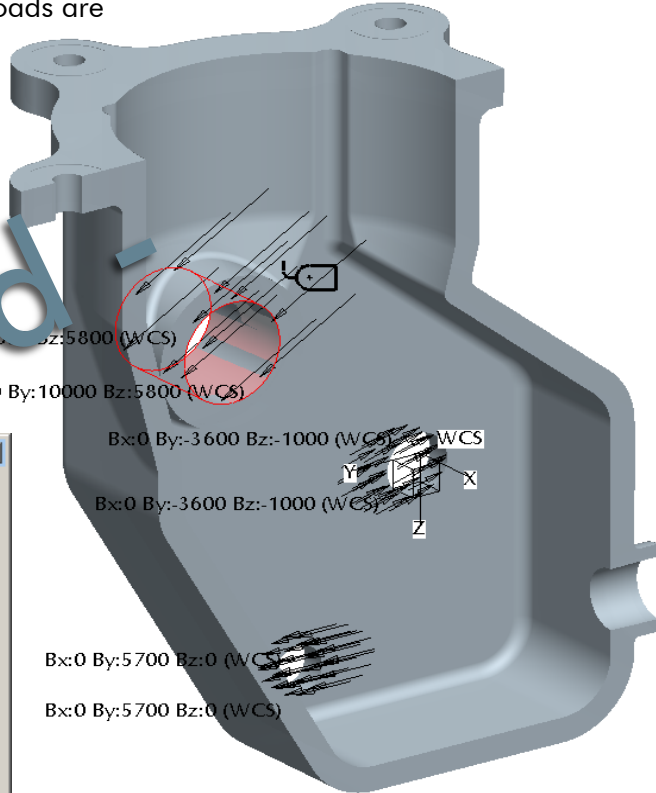
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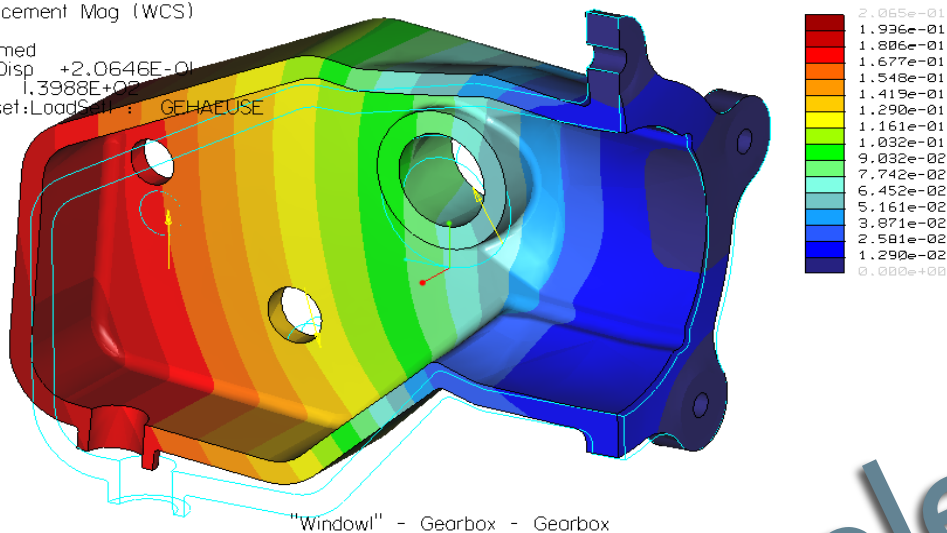
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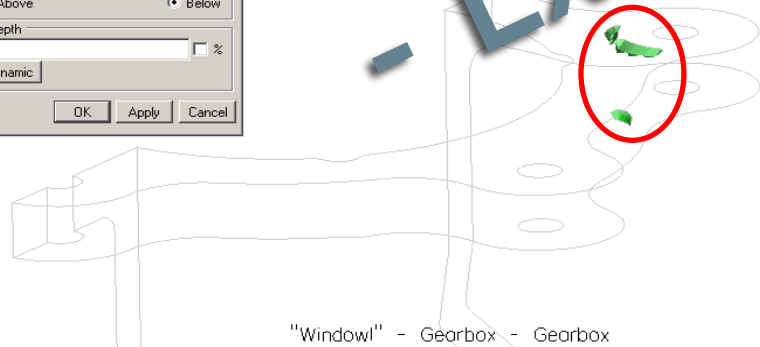
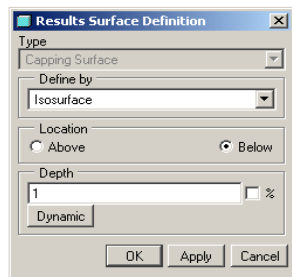
If you prepared and analyzed the model correctly, you should see these displacement, stress and failure index results in the postprocessor. Due to the brittleness of the used cast iron, the gearbox would probably fail at the marked, non-singular location.

### Displacement & Failure Index

Displacement Mag (WCS)  
(mm)  
Deformed  
Max Disp +2.0646E-01  
Scale 1.3988E+02  
Loadset:LoadSet1 : GEHAEUSE



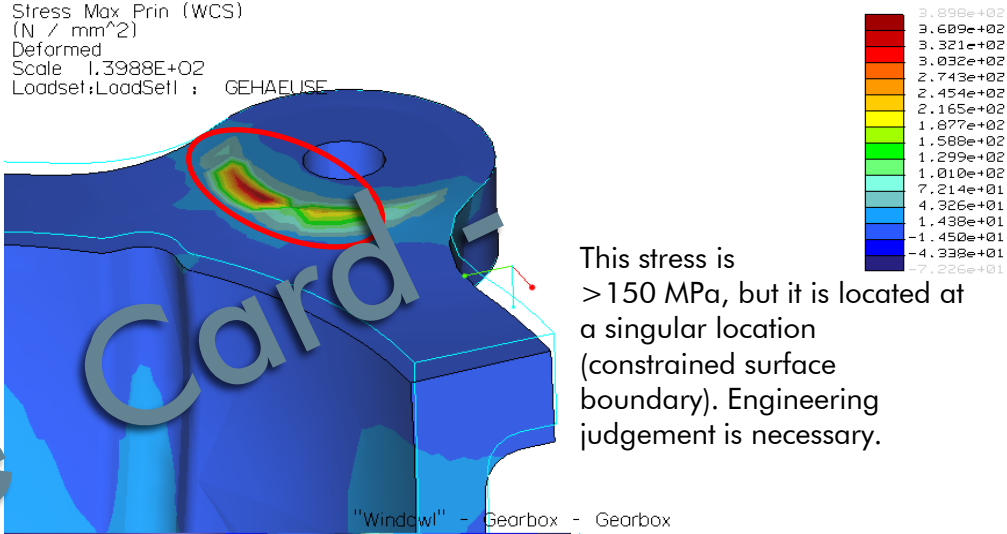
Failure Index (WCS)  
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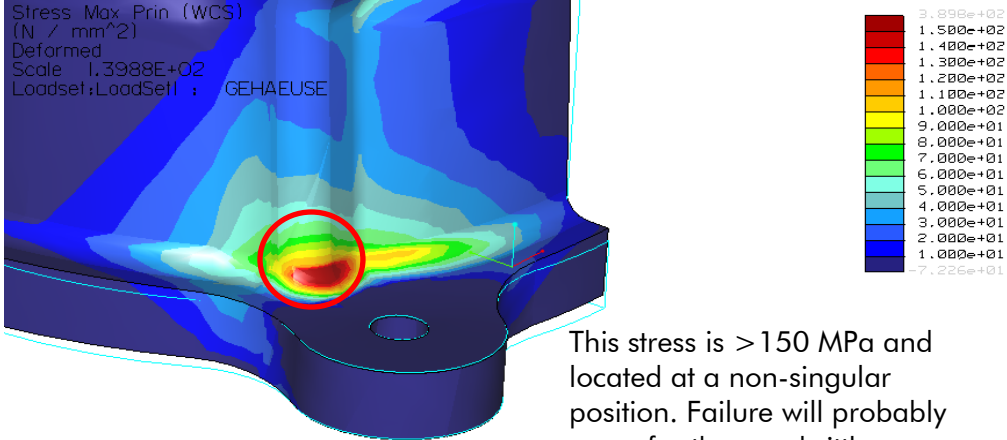
The two locations where the failure index for modified Mohr criteria is > 1, shown with help of a capping surface

### Principal Stress

Stress Max Prin (WCS)  
(N / mm<sup>2</sup>)  
Deformed  
Scale 1.3988E+02  
Loadset:LoadSet1 : GEHAEUSE

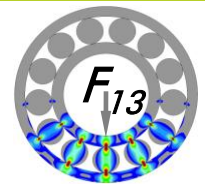


This stress is > 150 MPa, but it is located at a singular location (constrained surface boundary). Engineering judgement is necessary.



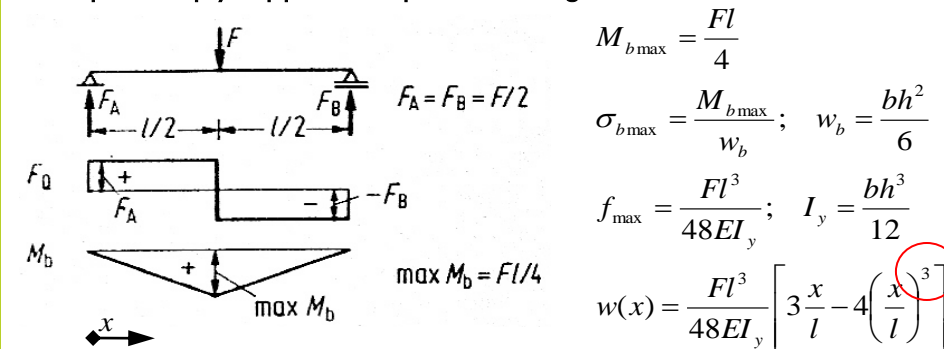
This stress is > 150 MPa and located at a non-singular position. Failure will probably occur for the very brittle gray cast iron.





A basic understanding of the p-method is necessary, so that the user can define the model and analysis correctly to take full advantage of the p-method's benefits. This very simple example shall help to understand how it works. Look at the deformed shape and stress distribution as well as the maximum deflection and longitudinal stress values when the p-level of the single p-element used increases!

### Example: Simply supported 3-point bending bar:

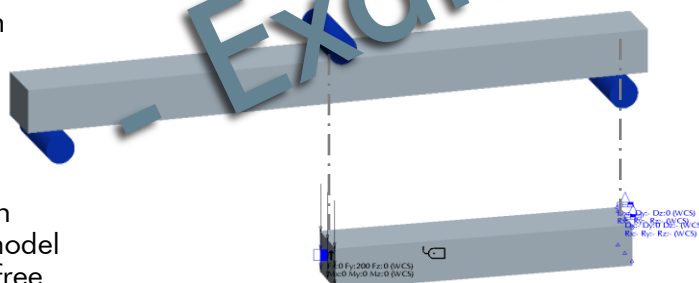


We have a simple bending bar with loaded length  $l=40$  mm, width  $b=4$  mm, height  $h=3$  mm. Material is steel with  $E=200$  GPa. We apply a force of 200 N. From the analytical solution, we obtain:

$$M_{b\max} = 2000 \text{ Nmm}; \quad w_b = 6 \text{ mm}^3; \quad I_y = 9 \text{ mm}^4$$

$$\sigma_{b\max} = 333.3 \text{ MPa}; \quad f_{\max} = 0.1481 \text{ mm}$$

The CAD-geometry with the load rollers looks as follows:



We use half symmetry in the idealized physical model and cut away the load-free beam end:

### Solution with the p-method in Mechanica:

We use just one p-brick element to mesh the half beam. 1% convergence is requested on measures: displacements, strain energy, max. and min principal stress, von Mises and longitudinal stress.

The results are:

p=1:  
0.0082 mm  
10.78 MPa

p=2:  
0.1190 mm  
191.79 MPa

p=3:  
0.1507 mm  
334.52 MPa

p=4:  
0.1507 mm  
334.57 MPa

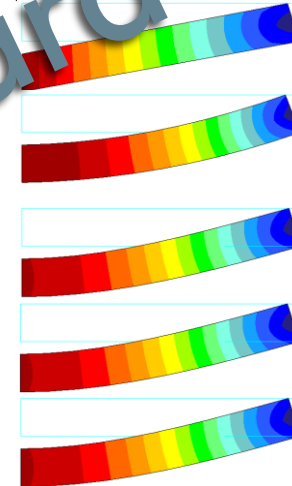
p=5:  
0.1507 mm  
335.23 MPa

Remarks:

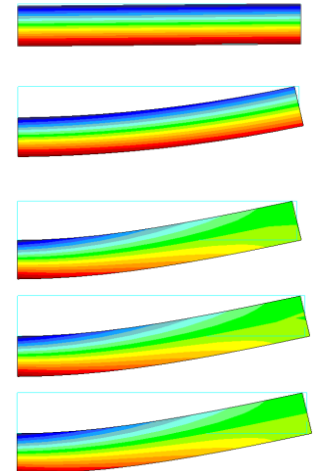
- The max. deflection in the displacement plot is scaled to 20 % of the model size, in the stress plot to 20 times the absolute value
- Plotting grid in the plots was set to 10!
- Equations from the simple beam theory on the left side do not take into account additional deflection from shear stresses!



a) deflection:

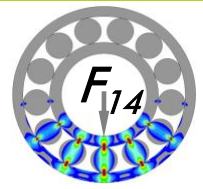


b) longitudinal stress:



In this example of the simple bending bar, we know from the analytical solution that the deflection curve  $w(x)$  is a polynomial function where the  $x$ -coordinate (length) appears as third potency. Hence, adding higher order functions with  $p>3$  does not significantly change the solution any more!

Note: Across the brick element, there is some linear variation of stress even at  $p=1$ . Consider a quad: The displacement is linear in  $x$  and  $y$ , so  $u = (a+bx)*(c+dy)$ .  $du/dx$  is linear in  $y$ , while  $du/dy$  is linear in  $x$ . In tetrahedrons or tris, stress at  $p=1$  is really constant!



The RMS Stress Error Estimate is a local error norm, which is provided for all Mechanics convergence methods. Stress error estimates are not available just if all external element edges lie in regions that are constrained or where the stress is potentially singular.

### RMS Stress Error Estimate:

This really is a local stress error estimate and should not be mixed up with the Global RMS Stress Index, which refers to global strain energy!

In both SPA and MPA, it is the maximum over all edges in the model of the RMS stress error along one edge. Stress error is estimated at sample points along an edge by comparing smoothed ("superconverged") and non-smoothed stresses. The stress error excludes regions of potential singularities (constraints, reentrant corners)!

*RMS Stress Error Estimates are computed as follows:*

$\sigma$  = the directly computed stress  
(from the derivatives of the displacement polynomials)  
 $\sigma_m$  = the smoothed ("superconverged") stress.

mean-square stress error = integral over edge of  $(\sigma - \sigma_m)^2$

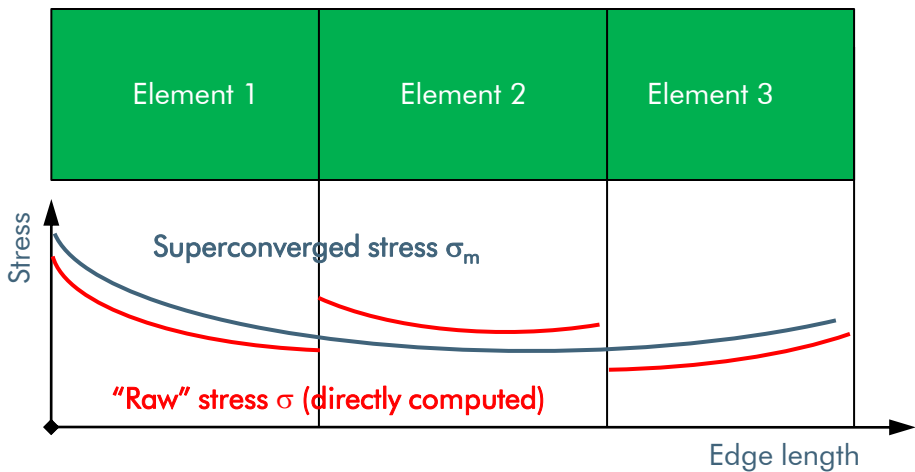
RMS Stress Error = square root of the mean-square stress error

### Superconverged (smoothed) stresses:

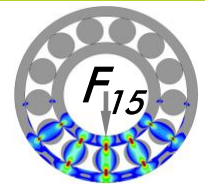
To represent the smoothed stress, Mechanics uses the same polynomial functions like for the displacements. The coefficients of the stress polynomials are found by least squares fitting to stresses calculated at various sample points within each element.

In this way, the typical "stress jumps" (discontinuous stresses) of the "raw" or directly computed stresses at the element boundaries disappear. It turns out that the smoothed stresses calculated as above often converge faster than non-smoothed stresses.

The term "superconvergence" comes from the now classic paper [1].



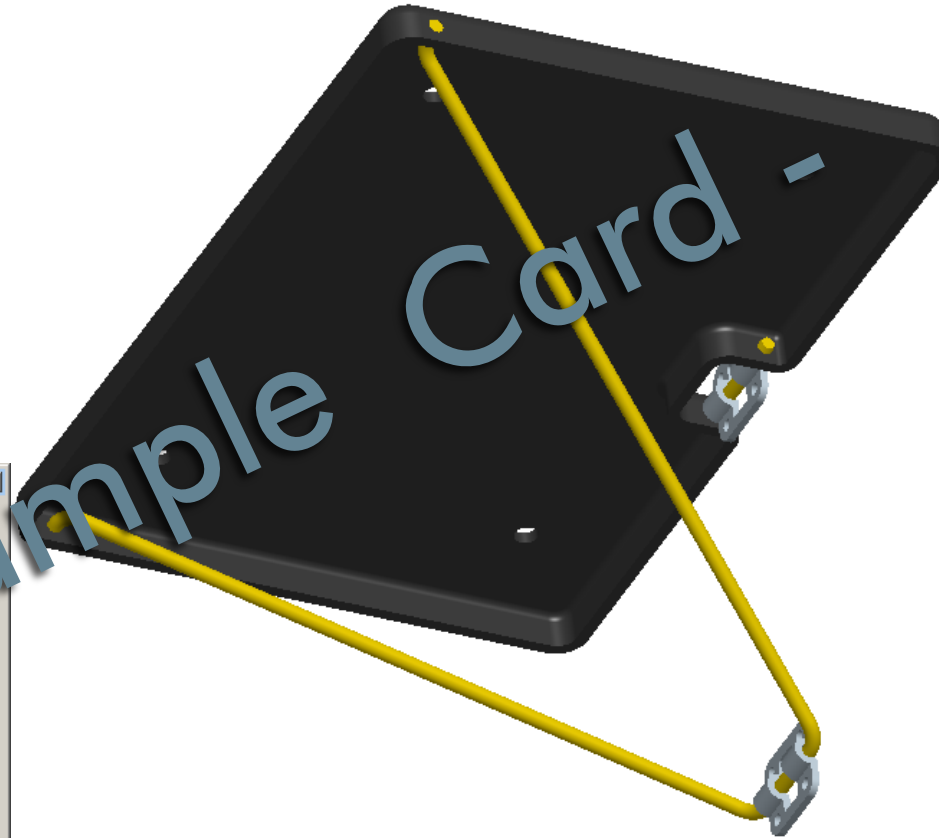
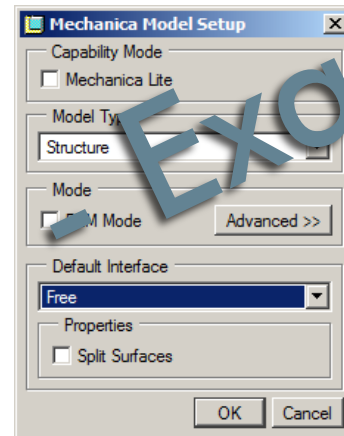
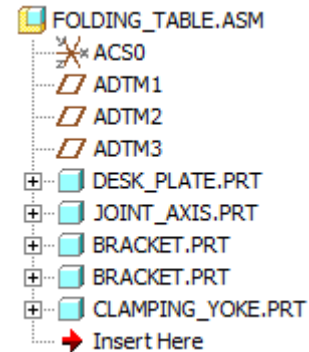
Reference:  
[1] Zienkiewicz, O. and Zhu, J, "A Simple Error Estimator and Adaptive Procedure for Practical Engineering Analysis",  
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In this example we want to analyze the fundamental frequencies of a folding table. What makes this analysis tricky is that we have an assembly in which the single parts are not merged together (e.g. glued or welded), but have certain degrees of freedom that allow a relative movement: We have different joint types in the model! We will learn a technique how to deal with that. This technique can be used for static analyses, too. It is a linearization of a contact problem: As a consequence the solution around this linearization may be inaccurate. Anyway, the global results should be fine.

1. Open assembly *Folding Table* and enter *Mechanica*
2. Set the default interface to *Free*:  
*Edit / Mechanica Model Setup...*  
This step simplifies joint definition since all touching surfaces are not merged, but joints!
3. Assign material PVC to the desk plate and the two brackets
4. Assign material SS (stainless steel) to the joint axes and the clamping yoke.
5. Examine all on part level predefined simulation features:
  - volume regions
  - points
  - weighted links

The folding table assembly



**Exercise Purpose:**

- Understanding modal analysis
- Idealizing joints to analyze assemblies

**Prerequisites:**

- Outline: Modal Analysis
- Functionality: Interfaces

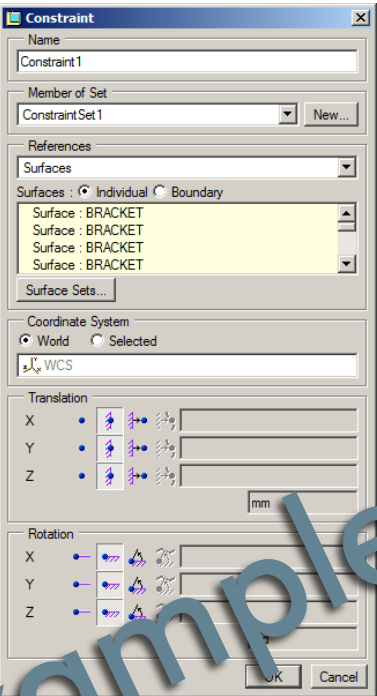
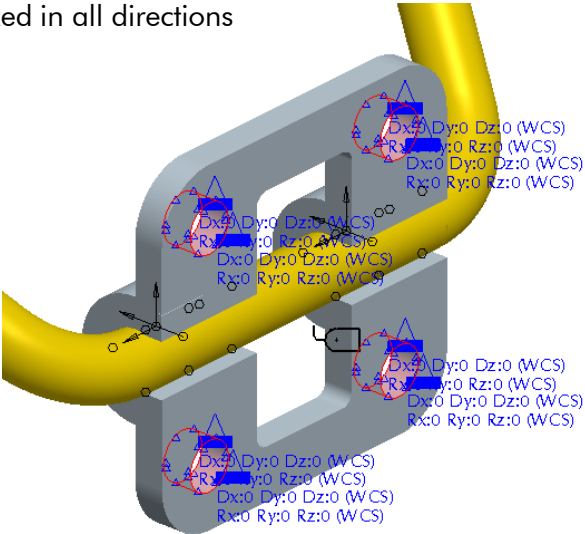
**Context Information:**

- Functionality: Springs
- Functionality: Rigid and Weighted Links (for both, see the booklet "Workshop Fundamentals II")

It is a good practice to idealize joints in assemblies undergoing a linear analysis with a pair of weighted links and an advanced spring in between their dependent nodes. With setting the appropriate spring tensor elements "infinite" stiff, any possible relative motion can be enabled. Note not to use too high values in the spring tensor to represent infinity; in this example e.g.  $1.0E+10$  N/mm – not more – is a good choice. Higher values may lead to inaccurate results or even an analysis failure like "the model is insufficiently constrained for the analysis".

6. Define the constraints

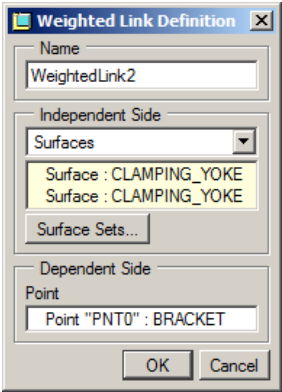
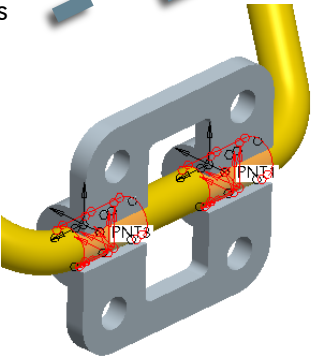
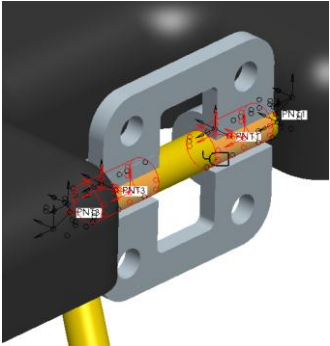
All holes of both brackets have to be fixed in all directions



7. Create weighted links

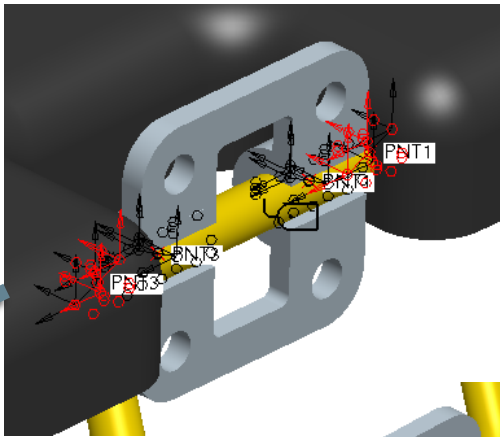
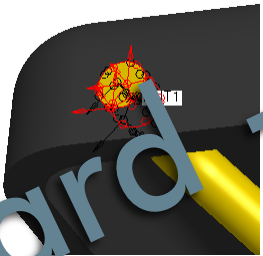
at the following eight locations on assembly level:

a) At the lower clamping yoke and upper axis within the brackets



b) At the upper axis within the desk plate holes (Note: Highlighting an existing weighted link and RMB "Info" shows you to which surface it is already connected!)

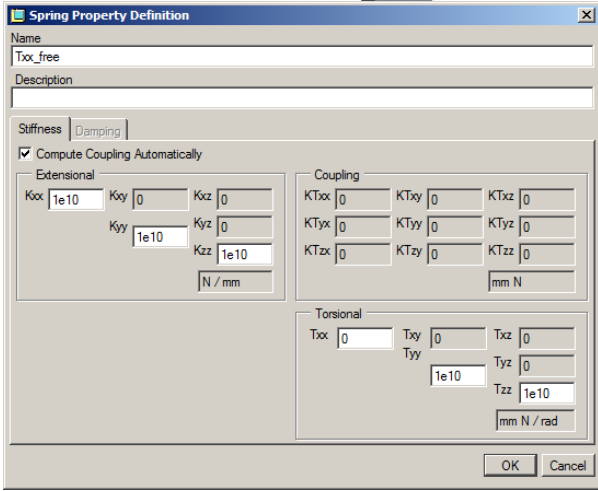
c) At both holes in the desk plate where the clamping yoke ends



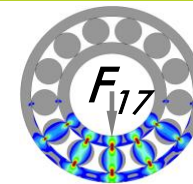
8. Create advanced springs between the dependent nodes of the weighted link pairs

a) For the four joint positions at the two brackets, use a tensor where just the rotation around the local spring X-axis is free. For the local spring coordinate system, see →Functionality: Springs.

Note: This linearization is a simplification compared to reality. The bearings also have friction (nonlinearities can not be treated in a modal analysis accurately), and due to manufacturing tolerances, we may have gaps resulting into excitation force dependent fundamental frequencies.







# Day 1

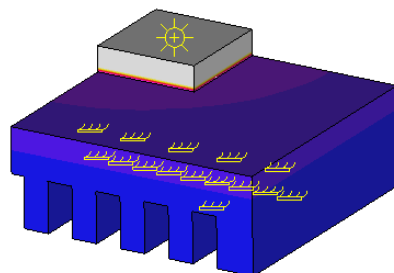
## 1. Introduction into Thermal Analysis

*Outline: Functionality overview of Mechanica Thermal*

- Functions
- Limitations

*Outline: Basics in heat transfer analysis*

- Conductivity
- Heat transfer
- Heat sources
- Unit systems



## 2. Steady-State Thermal Analysis

*Outline: Analogy heat transfer analysis – static structural analysis*

*Outline: Thermal loads and boundary conditions*

- Thermal interfaces
- Material definition
- Analysis definition

*Outline: Postprocessing*

*Example: Thermal analysis of a computer chip*

*Example: Thermal analysis of a heat pipe*

*Example: Thermal analysis of a furnace console*

## 3. Transient Thermal Analysis

*Thermal loads and boundary conditions*

*Material definition*

*Measures*

*Analysis definition*

*Postprocessing*

*Example: Transient thermal analysis of a bi-metal*

## 4. Thermo-Mechanical Analysis

*Outline: Loads definition*

- Global temperature loads
- MechT Loads
- External loads

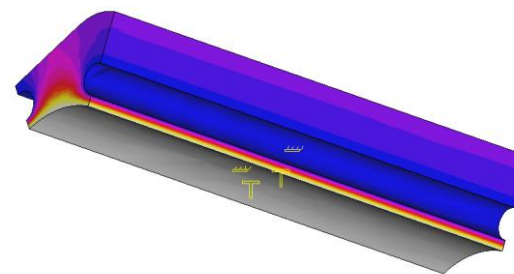
*Outline: Material definition*

*Outline: Analysis definition*

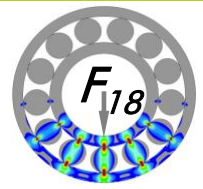
*Example: Deformation of a bi-metal when it is completely heated up*

*Example: Deformation of a bi-metal under steady-state thermal load*

*Example: Deformation of a bi-metal under transient loading*



This 1-day workshop guides you through all the functionality of the Mechanica Thermal module.



## Day 1

### 1. Introduction into Contact Analysis

*Mechanica functionality overview*

*Theoretical Background:*

- The Penalty Method used in Mechanica for contact analyses
- Modified Newton-Raphson for the iteration loop
- Obtaining convergence in contact analysis
- Mesh control in contact analysis
- Assuring result quality with measures and postprocessing
- Engine command line options and environment variables for advanced analysis control

### 2. Friction-free Contact Analysis

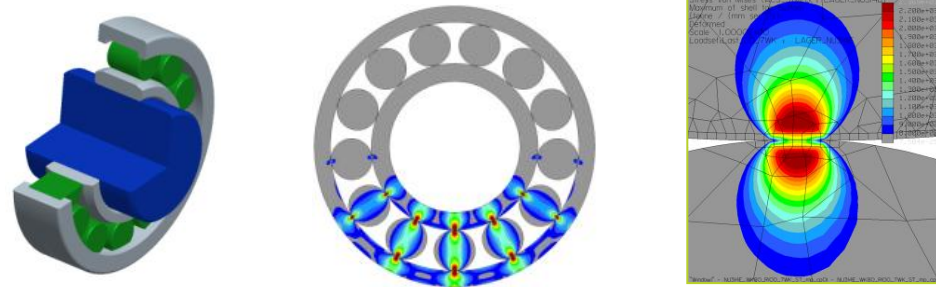
*Selecting the best suited model type*

*Example: A clamp with Hertzian contact under pressure*

*Example: A shaft-hub connection with shrink-fit as 2D-axial symmetric model*

*Example: A shaft-hub connection with shrink-fit as 3D segment model*

*Advanced Example: A fully-detailed cylindrical roller bearing with Hertzian pressure as 2D-plane strain model*



### 4. Introduction into the Infinite Friction Contact Model

*Principle of the infinite friction contact model*

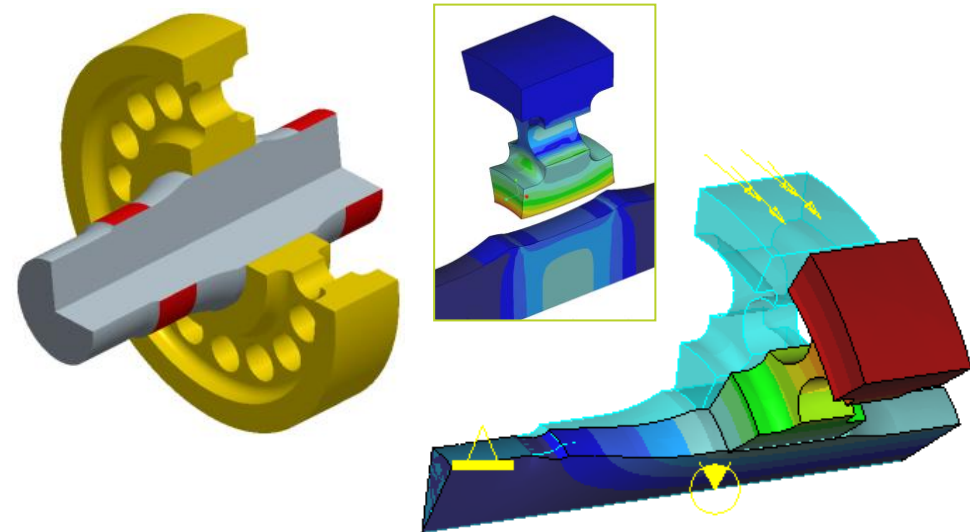
*Infinite friction specific measures (slippage measures)*

*Assuring result quality with measures and postprocessing*

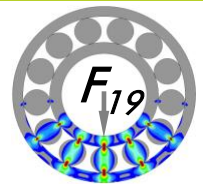
### 5. Infinite Friction Contact Analysis

*Example: Two bricks in contact under pressure and shear with specific measures*

*Example: Torque-loaded shaft-hub connection with shrink fit as 3D segment model*



Remark: This 1-day workshop is prerequisite for the 2-day-workshop "Fastener Analysis"



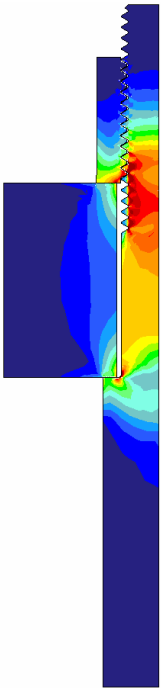
# Day 1

## 1. Introduction into Fastener Analysis

*Outline: Theoretical background*  
*- Fastener theory & bolt diagram*  
*- Characteristic quantities for fastener analysis*

## 2. The Centrally Loaded Fastener Connection

*Example: A fully-detailed bolted piston under hydraulic pressure as 2D axial symmetric model*



## 3. The Mechanica Fastener Feature

*Functionality: The fastener feature*  
*- Theoretical background and application*  
*- Limitations*  
*Example: The bolted piston under hydraulic pressure with the fastener feature with contact*  
*Example: The bolted piston under hydraulic pressure with the fastener feature with linearized substitute contact ("separation stiffness")*  
*Technique: Reducing the number of necessary analyses when working with the linearized substitute contact*  
*Example: An eccentrically loaded fastener in a flange under tension with the fastener feature with contact*  
*Example: An eccentrically loaded fastener in a flange under tension with the fastener feature with linearized substitute contact ("separation stiffness")*

# Day 2

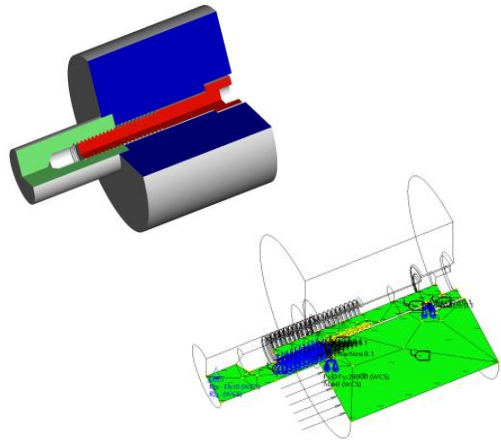
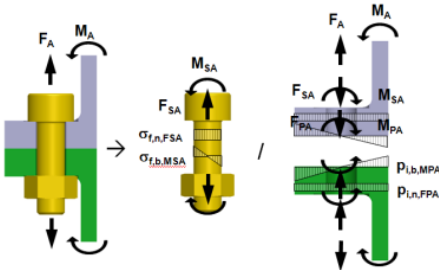
## 1. Eccentrically Loaded Fasteners

*Outline: Theory of loading*  
*Outline: Methods to idealize eccentrically loaded fasteners*  
*Example: An eccentrically loaded fastener in a flange under tension using volumes for the fastener and contact*  
*Example: An eccentrically loaded fastener in a flange under tension with a beam and contact*  
*Example: An eccentrically loaded fastener with linearized substitute contact and specific measures*

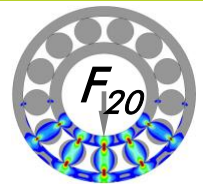
## 2. Fastener Assembly Analyses

*Techniques: Analyzing big assemblies containing many fasteners*

## 3. Customer Examples & Projects



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## Day 1

### 1. Introduction into Dynamic Analysis

*The differential equation Mechanics solves in modal and dynamic analysis*

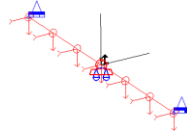
*The modal transformation*

*Mass participation factors*

*Overview of dynamic analysis types in Mechanica*

*Measure definitions in dynamic analysis*

$$\alpha(f) := \frac{e}{\left(\frac{f_0}{f}\right)^2 - 1}$$



### 2. Advanced Modal Analysis

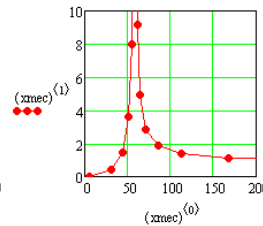
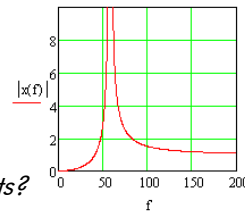
*Definition and options*

*Modal stresses*

*Example: A constrained structure*

*Example: An under-determined (free rotating) shaft*

*Example: A free-free modal analysis*



### 3. Dynamic Frequency Analysis

*Theory of dynamic frequency analysis*

*Definition and options*

*Output relative to ground or to supports?*

*Force and base excitation*

*Phases*

*Example: A one-mass oscillator*

*Example: An unbalanced rotating shaft*

*Example: An exhaust pipe bolted to a cylinder (base excitation)*

### 4. Dynamic Time Analysis

*Theory of dynamic time analysis*

*Definition and options*

*Defining forcing functions*

*Example: A one-mass oscillator*

*Example: An unbalanced rotating shaft – transient and steady state*

*Example: A part subjected to an half sine shock*

## Day 2

### 1. Random Response Analysis

*Theory of random response analysis*

*Definition and options*

*Defining acceleration spectral density, measures*

*Example: A one-mass oscillator*

*Example: A circuit board under random vibration*

### 2. Dynamic Shock Analysis (“Earthquake Analysis”)

*Theory of dynamic shock analysis*

*Definition and options*

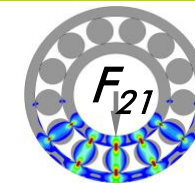
*Modal superposition methods*

*Example: A one-mass oscillator*

*Example: A cubicle of electronic equipment subjected to an earthquake*

Depending on customer demand, the workshop can be reduced to 1-day duration if not all dynamic analysis types are of interest.





# Day 1

## 1. Introduction into Hyperelasticity

*Review of Hooke's law for linear elastic materials*

*The specific strain energy of linear elastic materials*

*Behavior of hyperelastic materials*

*Material laws for hyperelastic materials*

*About selecting the material model and performing tests*

*Implementation of hyperelastic material laws in Mechanica*

*Defining hyperelastic material parameters in Mechanica*

*Test set-ups and specimen shapes of the supported material tests*

*The uniaxial compression test*

*Stress and strain definitions in the Mechanica LDA analysis*

## 2. Application Examples with Hyperelastic Material

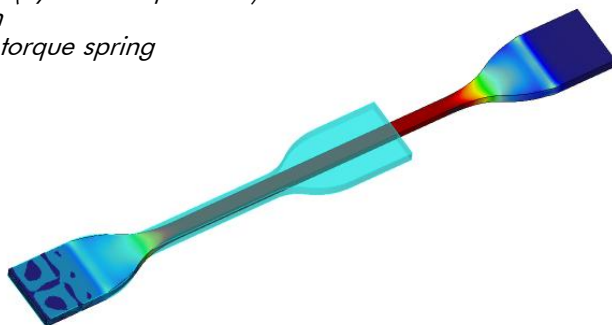
*Example: Uniaxial tension test*

*Example: Equibiaxial tension test*

*Example: Volumetric test (hydrostatic pressure)*

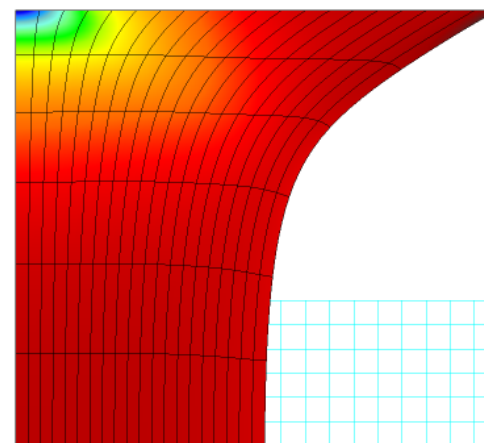
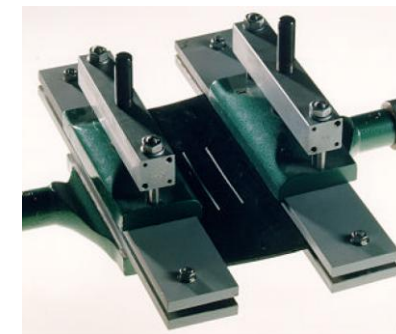
*Example: Planar tension*

*Example: An elastomer torque spring*

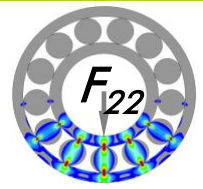


## 3. Optional: Orthotropic Material & Composites

## 4. Optional: Plasticity (starting with Wildfire 5)



Unlike in Mechanica Wildfire 4, in Creo Simulate it is possible to combine the different material and geometric nonlinearities (LDA, contact analysis, hyperelastic & elasto-plastic material) in a static analysis.



# Day 1

## 1. Introduction

*Shell or volume model?*

*When to use shell models*

*When not to use shell models*

## 2. General Model Setup

*General Remarks for modeling single parts*

*"Shell-friendly" features*

*Modeling joints with shells*

*The manual Mechanica weld types (see Mechanica Fundamentals II)*

*Automatic Mechanica weld types (see Mechanica Fundamentals II)*

*Important remarks for modeling assemblies*

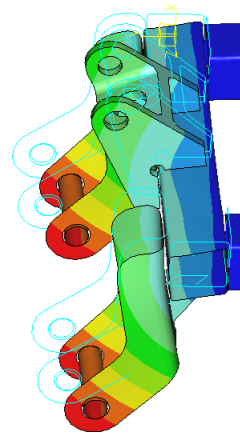
*Assembly and part accuracies*

*Unit systems*

*Nomenclature*

*Final model checks*

*Archiving*



## 3. Some Strategies for Building up Welded Assemblies with Shells

*Simulation shell model as independent volume model*

*Example: Support frame as independent volume model*

*Simulation shell model as independent midsurface model*

*Example: Support frame as independent midsurface model*

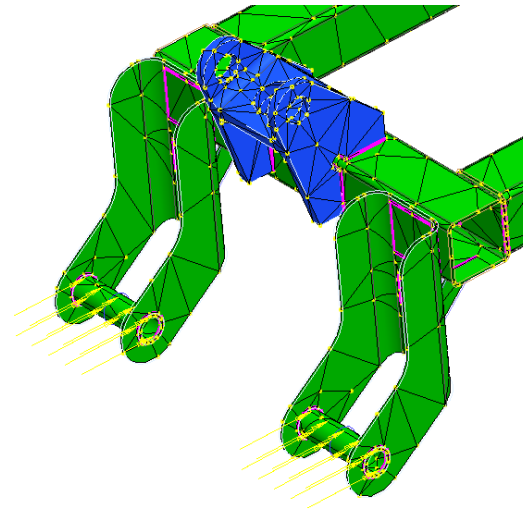
*Simulation shell model as independent analysis assembly*

*Example: Support frame as independent assembly model*

*Simulation shell model as dependent part or subassembly in a design assembly:*

*- Using a volume-surface skeleton*

*- Using a midsurface skeleton*



This workshop is not intended to show the one and only correct way to deal with huge shell assemblies. Instead, it supports you to develop your own methods while designing and modeling in Pro/ENGINEER, keeping in mind that you want to analyze your assembly with shells in Mechanica afterwards.